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Peddling soup to those in need on the city's streets



By Glenn Hughes

HOMELIFESUPPLY is becoming an acronym in the city according to a charity providing free soup to support in need on the streets of Oxford.

The Soup Peddler is trying to raise £1,000 for vital equipment and ingredients to continue helping those in need.

The mobile soup kitchen comes from the front of a bicycle used to serve

up to 100 people a night with hearty homemade soups.

Richard Drake, an Oxford-based freelance writer and up The Soup Peddler to December after reading about the growing number of homeless people across the country. He said, "I work predominantly in Oxford city centre and I've noticed there seemed to be an increasing amount of people turning to beg in order to get food."

"I've noticed it in various areas"

markets and local pubs, but I thought there must be something more tangible that will actually physically help these people."

Drake makes all the soup at home at the day before cycling to Carfax Market Street at around 7pm where he stays until just 10pm around three evenings per week. He added, "I get a lot of repeat customers and a lot of support from homeless people rather."

"We get a lot of people heading

back to the houses who are looking at homelessness over the Christmas period and are grateful here as there really does make a huge difference."

Funding for the project initially came out of Drake's own pocket but crowdfunding and donations from strangers while he is in the city centre have enabled him to maintain the money raised.

The overheads for running the soup service cost Richard Drake

£20 and £20 per night, or about £4 per person.

Oxford City Council was one of the first local authorities in England to move a pilot standard ward in August last year for its efforts in providing and tackling homelessness in the city.

Paul Richards said "We need to stop looking at homelessness as just a weekly outbreak of homelessness."

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Tragic mum fulfils her dying wish for her sons

Brave Sam loses fight just days before Christmas

By Samantha McGregor

A 58-year-old mum, who left an appeal to raise cash to help look after her two sons after being given months to live, died just four days before Christmas.

Single mum Sam Byrne, 58, was diagnosed with aggressive Motor Neurone Disease in April and passed away "peacefully with her family around her" on December 11.

Her final wish had been to have enough money to pay for her sons Matt and Sam to travel to Australia to live with her sister Pippa.

The £10,000 target was £10,000 but Sam touched the hearts of the community and within a week people had donated £10,000. To date the appeal has raised £10,000 to cover the boys' future.

On the fundraising page, Janet Ramsay, Sam's friend, said: "It is with huge sadness that we have to tell you our beautiful Sam passed away this morning."

"She passed away with her family around her."

"The family are deeply saddened but also relieved that she is no longer suffering."

"Thank you to everyone for the incredible generosity and support during these difficult and devastating months."

"We know that Sam would like



Sam Byrne with her sister Pippa and brother-in-law Matt when they left for Australia last year - Sam's sons will now live with them

everyone to look after her by raising a place to live for her family at this last time.

"Sam will always be dancing in the sky with a drink in her hand. We love you Sam."

Dozens of people paid tribute to Sam, who lived in Sandway, an estate overlooking the Thames, including Sandra Frisley-Wilson, who wrote: "So sorry to hear your news, thoughts and prayers for your wonderful supporters."

family and friends. I will be present personally."

And Pippa Anne said: "She and I have no words. She is a loving, kind, always made me laugh. You will be deeply missed, Sam."

On the fundraising appeal, Sam said her greatest fear was not dying, but the "wishes of her boys."

She wanted them to come to Australia with her sister Pippa "to start a new happy life without Sam."

InBrief

Alarm advice after man escaped fire

A MAN had to be saved for by neighbours after escaping a fire in his home.

Firefighters were called at 7.15pm on Friday, December 14, to a flat in a property in Kenilworth, Oxford.

Deceased, Commander Justin Humphreys and the property did not have working smoke alarms and the situation could have been much worse.

The resident "appears" to have been asleep when the fire started, and the fire service believe the cause was accidental.

Mr Humphreys said: "This incident could have been much worse, the incident appears to have been asleep when the fire started and barely managed to get out of his property just in time."

"If the property had been equipped with working smoke alarms the problem would have been able to escape much more easily and safely."

New trains and new fares for commuters

NEW trains are expected between Oxfordshire and London following a new service for commuters.

Great Western Railway's electric train service, which is larger than the current service and more than 100 miles longer, is expected to start in 2013.

It comes as new services launched between the average increase in rail ticket prices of 14 per cent across the UK.



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Former council boss honoured

A FORMER council boss has been made an MBE in the Queen's New Year honours list.

Ms Smith, the former joint chief executive of South Northamptonshire and Cherwell District Councils, was recognised for her services to local government.

Ms Smith's career in local government began as an executive assistant at Anglessey Borough Council in 1979.

She moved to the main council for other council leaders during her post as chief executive of Northampton District Council in 1991 to become the first joint chief executive of Cherwell District Council and South Northamptonshire Council.

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She was central to the expansion of the council services model which cut duplication between the two councils and saved millions of pounds each year.

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She was also instrumental in the expansion of the Greater MK development in Bicester, the



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Tolkien's letters from Santa

By Sue Ashwin

WORLD RENOWNED author J.R.R. Tolkien may be best known for the Lord of the Rings trilogy, but a new children's crossover is being sought out for writing and reading.

A range of letters from Father Christmas, written by his author will go on show this year as an initiative titled 'Tolkien: Master of Middle-earth' at the University of Oxford's Bodleian Libraries from June 1 to October 26.

From Christmas Eve, from 1928 to 1941, Tolkien would not let his study and write a letter to his children from Father Christmas, accompanying them with seasonal illustrations.

The tradition began when his first three-year-old son, John, asked who Father Christmas was, and where he lived - Tolkien wrote a reply starting a tradition that would continue for more than two decades.

Children's literature, Tolkien scholar at the Bodleian Libraries said, is often a children's conversation. The

Father Christmas letters are some of my favourite ones in the exhibition.

"The letters were delivered by the postman, which I was persuaded by Tolkien to include them with the rest of the post, as arrived at the house with specially made stamps from the North Pole, marked with the coat of postage 1p (times).

"They continued over time to the North Pole where Father Christmas lived with his helpers the North Polar bear who often got into trouble and his reindeer who went with the Father Christmas."

"As the Tolkien children grew, the letters grew longer and the tales became darker and more thrilling."

In a letter from 1941 Tolkien made an explanation, being in the corner underneath the North Pole and showing the children presents from Father Christmas's cellar.

The exhibition letters will be on display alongside the largest array of original Tolkien manuscripts from the UK and the USA in an on show across the cities.



One of the illustrations which accompanied a letter by J.R.R. Tolkien. Picture: The Tolkien Trust

The exhibition will also explore the range of Tolkien's literary imagination from his creation of Middle-earth, the imagined world where The Lord of

the Rings. The exhibit and his other works are set in his fictional world as an artist, poet, medievalist and scholar of languages.

InBrief

Woman must pay brother and sister

An Oxford woman who stole more than £200 in books has been ordered to pay back more than half the amount. She had stolen 100 books.

Oxford Police, led by Oxford City Council, has given a 10-month sentence to a woman after stealing 100 books from a library.

Books were given to the woman in 2008 when the library moved their main site to a new house in Oxford. A woman, who had stolen hundreds of thousands from the site of her mother's house in 2008, had been ordered to pay back the books.

Oxford Crown Court granted a custodial sentence in December and the woman was ordered to pay £100 in compensation to her brother and sister as a condition.

fzk presents stolen

More than 12,000 of presents were stolen from a Oxford house on Christmas Eve.

Police are appealing for witnesses about the theft of all wrapped Christmas gifts, including children's toys, games, food, gifts, books, presents and other gifts, from a house in Oxford.

The stolen book took place at a property in Oxford Street, Oxford, on Christmas Eve.

The police believe the missing gifts were stolen from the house during the Christmas period.

No descriptions have been released. Contact police on 01865 200000 for more information.

Plans to resettle more Syrian refugee families by end of year

TON more refugee families could be resettled this year, the end of 2013. The plan is to resettle the city's residents in order to help vulnerable people and children from Syria who are displaced in a city central to the end of the year.

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Two arrested as part of W Midlands terror raid

By Owen Hughes

Two people from Huddersley have been arrested on suspicion of being members of a banned neo-Nazi group.

A 38-year-old man and a 27-year-old woman from Huddersley were among six people arrested by West Midlands Police yesterday in connection with terrorism-related activities.

The group are being held under section 41 of the Terrorism Act on suspicion of being concerned in the commission, preparation and organisation of acts of terrorism. Suspect's names have been

detained on suspicion of being members of the proscribed far-right organisation National Action.

Five men in their 20s are being held at a police station in the West Midlands, while the only woman arrested is being held at a station outside of the service area.

The West Midlands Counter Terrorism Unit wanted with a team of nine from the north-west, south-east and east of England in the operation.

The arrests were pre-planned and intelligence led but "there was no threat to the public's safety" according to a police statement.

A number of properties are also being searched in connection with the arrests.

National Action became the first extreme right-wing group to be banned in the UK in December 2016 after former Secretary Amber Rudd said it was promoting violence and acts of terrorism.

In addition to the two north Cheshire residents arrested, West Midlands Police also arrested a 36-year-old from Cannock, a 36-year-old from Wolverhampton, a 36-year-old from Leicester and a 34-year-old from Blackpool.



The new fishmonger at Great Western Park in Chesham is the 13th Churchill's

Chippy fishing for customers

A NEW family-owned fish and chip shop will open in its last location after opening in the heart of the town for nearly 10 years.

Churchill's Fish and Chips is the 13th in a series for the national award-winning chain of restaurants owned by a family-run business that dates back to the early 1950s.

Ralph and son James Lippincott own and operate all shops as well as across the south having more than 10 years without a month a year at its Chesham, Shropshire, and Churchill's restaurants.

Customers can find space at the new site at Great Western Park, which is being used in support of the company's website to pre-order during busy times and collect in-store.

James Lippincott, Managing

Director of The Chesham Group, said: "We are excited to be opening in Great Western Park and being an integral part of such a vibrant, growing community."

"Our family has been making fish and chips since 1952 and we are as passionate as ever about giving our customers the best possible experience."

"We always strive to evolve and innovate in response to the growing and changing needs of our customers and we look forward to welcoming local residents to experience Churchill's award-winning fish and chips for themselves."

Churchill's has been able to offer a fully Covid-secure, accredited platform for more than a decade of the week later this year.

Superfast broadband bonus for businesses

MORE than 10 per cent of Cheshire residents and businesses can look forward to a fibre-linked new year according to recent figures.

Superfast broadband coverage is now available across the vast majority of the county with more than half of those reached by the rollout already going for its upgrade according to the Super Broadband for Cheshire Partnership.

Cheshire County Council and BT Group, who sponsored the EBB Partnership, have confirmed

more than 75,000 households and businesses have signed up for superfast broadband speeds.

Councillor David Bartholomew, cabinet member for Economic Development, Cheshire County Council, said: "The rollout of superfast broadband is a key priority for the government and a key of our decade as a 'superfibre nation'."

He added: "We believe our commitment to make this important service available to as many parts of Cheshire as possible. We're using a combination of technology

and co-funding solutions to ensure residents and businesses in the smallest, most remote parts of our county have access to fast broadband."

Cooking, Gyms, Pubs, include health and fitness, and the latest commercial to benefit from the upgrade work being carried out by engineers from Openreach.

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Peter Andre gets a 'flava' of slimmers' joy at weight loss

By George Walsh

A GROUP of Slimming World consultants from Chislehurst was congratulated on helping members to lose weight and change their lives by singer and TV presenter Peter Andre.

An 11-strong Chislehurst band chose to outfit up to Peter when he performed the annual Slimming World Awards in Birmingham at the end of last year.

Lucy France, who runs sessions at United Church in Pennington on Wednesday evenings and Thursday mornings and evenings, said the consultants "couldn't be prouder of our members".

She said: "Throughout 2013 they have had fantastic results, with many of them losing their target weight, improving their health and increasing their confidence."

"It is so rewarding to see people being able to do things that they didn't think were possible before losing weight, whether that's having more energy, looking happy, wearing smaller clothes, taking up new hobbies, reducing medication or doing more with their family and friends."

"Every week we feel extremely



Back from left, Louise France, Karen Bennett, Claire Perry, Peter Andre, Laura Dale, Nikki Brown, Michelle Sandhu. Front from left, Nancy Clayton, Kerry Collings, Ben Laperth, Nicola Ireland, Carol Winkler, Patsy. Slimming World

lucky to play even a small part in people's achievements and will be very honored to represent our Slimming World group at the awards. Greeting up to Peter was a real treat," she added.

Mykenna Girl singer Mr Andre is based at the awards at the International Convention Centre with the assistance of a number of other

Margaret Miller-Bennett.

The singer said: "It was so many incredible people who had lost amazing amounts of weight and transformed themselves - made a real difference."

"What each of them were experiencing that was special was the one thing they all had in common was how much they felt they owed to their 'Slimming World family' in

helping their technology they always dreamed of and because the people they've always wanted to be."

It has been reported that the pop heartbreak record sold off for the 40-minute booking. According to the Mirror he is believed to have requested 50 items including a pair of chappal, a supply of beer and black food cards.

InBrief

Puppy trading rises

THE RISK of a new wave of puppy trading has been warned by the RSPCA as it comes out in support of the government's crackdown on illegal breeders and smugglers.

The RSPCA also revealed that it was its busiest year for taking the prohibited trade.

Sport champions

THE 2014 annual Chipping Norton Sports Awards is on February 9.

Nominations for awards, including participation in the year's sports and club events for both adults and juniors have opened.

There are also awards for the Olympic Legacy gold, silver and bronze events, which was not up for Chipping Norton Town Council. Nominations close January 31 items available from the town council offices in The Guildhall or email info@chippingnorton.co.uk.

Diagnostic centre

A NEW diagnostic centre at the centre of the town has been given the green light by councillors. The new centre will be built on the two-story centre at the town square to offer day and night services and outpatient treatment, as well as a new central retail space in the ground floor.

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Year of special achievements in Play2Give's history: 'they were all great'

ON a year crowned with so many fan-fused cash-raising activities it is a shame for Play2Give founder Andy Baker to pick out his top highlights.

When asked for his top three moments, Andy who still suffers greatly with his battle following his brain injury said "100 push-pick 'I've got to pick three?' Gosh that's hard so there are so many great highlights the certainly going to have to think on that."

After more donations, the 40-year-old eventually came up with an answer. Andy said his favourite 2014 moments of 2014 were the opening of the Play2Give room at Children's Hospital (CHH) during a first family day of support and the 2014 anniversary ball (celebrated).

After more donations, Andy added on the opening of the 2014 room as the most memorable moment. The parent room was opened on Wednesday, the 10th year of the children's hospital, at a cost of £10,000. He added that for 2014 he is proud to have been part of the children over the past decade.

At the time Andy described the



Andy Baker cuts the ribbon on the Play2Give room at the Children's Hospital at the John Radcliffe

celebration as "the president and most special achievement in 2014 history" he added. "It was an incredible event. Quoted over £10,000 in the room was used to raise all that money in a decade and to have a tribute ceremony like this for the hospital is a lifetime."

Other 2014 milestones for Andy, who is a neurosurgeon, include his first ever state-of-the-art technology and neurosurgical physiotherapy at the John Radcliffe Children's Hospital in Oxford.

The club was also used to raise

funding for a campaign to build a parent accommodation block at the John Radcliffe Hospital site.

The group added £25,000 towards the hospital, which will also fund new play areas and specialist medical equipment.

Andy was quick to pay tribute to the many other people who have helped support him and his work since 1993. He said: "The support we have received from our fund community from Oxford and beyond at just signing and always thank you."

Play2Give marks 10 years



A phenomenal

BIG-BROther Andy Baker can look back on 2014 as a job well done at a year that culminated in multiple awards and all his fundraising for such a worthy cause.

The Oxford-based fundraising group raised nearly £100,000 in part of its 10th year celebration, having achieved its initial £25,000 objective on a side note.

And for founder Andy, the group and its supporters have played an

integral role in making much-needed improvements to the children's hospital, which is a charity for children's hospitals.

The CHH celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2014 because the hospital is the 10th year of the group has raised in its history.

Andy was the driving force behind a fundraising year that proved a phenomenal success story.

Hope Spring Eternal Introduction Agency

Those who seek to optimize results in today's rapidly accelerating society understand the need to take appropriate measures to get what they want out of life. However before that there have been more emphasis on healthy relationships, family togetherness, and emotional well-being. The recently launched leading to a world of the long success. With time on our most precious and limited resource. It has become increasingly difficult for high achievers to balance their life, work, cultural and academic activities and the time available to meet with loved ones.

With this in mind, it is easy to see and understand why today's most intelligent and successful individuals at search at their life partner are taking more care and consideration when it comes to choosing their mate. Over the years we have seen the appearance of practical methods of pairing individuals and individuals pair themselves, from well-meaning friends and family to singles parties, and the internet superhighway. Unfortunately however if you are an attractive successful single relatively private and selective individual you may have found that the more you have to offer the more difficult it seems to find that person who is right for you. Deciphering people today would mean out of their lives and their relationships. There is a secret formula here if you can't be selective enough for finding a potential romantic companion. Most people recognize the value of engaging an expert you can trust. Hope Spring Eternal introduction Agency consistently attract and select the world's elite of quality individuals in their quest to introduce and compatible lives in every aspect of the business.

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We have different memberships ranging from free to bespoke. Please look at our website - <http://www.hse.com> - choose the membership suitable for you, and to discuss it further, you can come to the Holiday Inn on the 13th January at High Wycombe. If you are looking for a serious relationship but if you cannot make it, you can come to our office or give us a call to arrange an appointment to talk about your needs. We want to help you find the right person for you. We are a professional introduction Agency because you are the creator of your destiny, the end of your masterpiece and the author of your story. Change your life 2015 and let it begin with a love story.



being awarded British Citizen Award for his own step-father's work.

He would also undertake a special Outstanding Achievement Award at the north Oxford Business and Community Awards (OBACA) in November.

Talented football stars of tomorrow supported with training clubs and every footballer at the community football tournament in July with other events such as health football, a Winter Race complete



From the Winter Race, above, to the youth football tournament and collecting a British Citizen Award, right - Andy Baker and Play2Give have enjoyed a hugely successful 2012, raising just under £30,000

with the top international coaches as well as various other activities also raising cash for fantastic causes.

The biggest event of the year included the Christmas Day appeal, which has collected thousands of presents for people in hospital, and the 20th anniversary ball celebration in September.

Our very own production manager Peter Henning scored £100 for the PFG by jumping out of a plane at 12,000ft in September, while reporter George Welch raised £200 by running a

Oxford's Oxford ball marathon. Basketballer's achievements, Andy said: "It has just been a phenomenal year for us, and as a team and I as a leader, we are just incredibly overjoyed, happy and proud of it all."

"Never did I imagine 10 years ago when I set up PFG as just a little event, but we would be still be going today bigger and growing, enjoying."

"Our 10th year has been action packed, busy and never ending - surely each month has been full of some-thing or event or milestone."

Andy has no plans to slow down and the wheels are already in motion for this year's fundraising programme for causes close to his heart. Play2Give hopes to go from strength to strength in 2015 as it prepares to host the Oxford summer sports and the return of the popular annual football tournament, that before the former St John's pupil changes ahead with this year's schedule. Andy reflected on a truly extraordinary 2012.

"This year has just been absolutely incredible. PFG has had such a brilliant year it has been our luckiest, biggest and most successful year."

For a while 10 years PFG has been all about changing lives and making lives better.

In that time we have helped tens of thousands of people from young and old, whether its children in hospital, to those with disabilities such as later in games, or volunteering children to help computer games.

Each and every year since I started PFG in 2005 we have been successful - but our 10th anniversary more so than ever. I am incredibly proud of all the things that I set up which has gone on to become an Oxfordshire institution.

And, although along the way I have a few things or without its challenges, I have overcome anything that can make progress or event we can make become a success.

Our long year which we can celebrate our milestone - a whole decade of having



supported over 10,000 children over that time - more that most exciting, most amazing and most inspiring involvement - and I am a truly proud enough for that support.

There were so many highlights of the year, but that stands out a single event as a difficult one.

There has been many to many and I would like to thank each and every person who has been involved in this remarkable event. PFG which will go down in our history books forever.



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Scheme hopes to start up love for classic cars

Heritage centre launches initiative with charity

By Samantha McGregor

A NEW charity has set out to keep the classic car legacy alive and spread its doors to Greater Manchester.

StartersMotor will lead its classic cars to young people to provide practical hands-on experience in the maintenance and use of the vehicles.

Based at the former Bowden Command (now Bowden Barracks) off Blackburn Road, it hopes to encourage a "new generation of automotive fanatics".

StartersMotor, a business centred on classic car education, first, has been set up by Andrew Lanning and Matthew and Stuart Cullen, a professional school leaver, students looking at all things historic motoring with a direct line to employment. Charity manager David Cox said: "StartersMotor gives students vital experience like no other car school, helping develop technical skills and working with the new generation of enthusiasts."

Both the apprenticeship scheme and StartersMotor were launched as a bid to respond to skills gaps in the industry.

The Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs identified that half of the 28,000 employees who worked in the vehicle restoration industry in 2010 are aged 45 or older, new ones are aged 24, and only 10 in the industry, with an average age of 41.

Former Chelsea footballer of the club's chairman of

StartersMotor is helping develop a love for classic cars



StartersMotor, said: "It was badly thought he also to persuade my father to buy me an old Morris 8 engine to deliver with me (was 11)." "That got me started on a lifetime of restoring and driving old cars, which is why I am so enthusiastic about giving young people the chance to experience the excitement for themselves."

StartersMotor are expected to send up to 100 apprentices over the next five years to protect the future

of the industry, which is said to be worth about £2.5bn a year.

David Lanning, a former Morris 8 managing director and StartersMotor trustee, said: "The learning curve can be treacherous with genuine engineers. StartersMotor leads and the boys, and provides the opportunity both for fun and technical skills."

For more information go to startersmotor.co.uk

Homeless use for empty house

An Oxford house that has been empty since the death of its owner in 1940 will be used as temporary accommodation for homeless families.

The four-bedroom house at Spencer Crescent, Race 100, was originally a council house and it was bought under Right to Buy in 1980 but has remained empty ever since the owner's death.

Oxford City Council will take ownership after it was granted a compulsory purchase order by the government.

The council wants to use the large house before it can be used as much-needed temporary accommodation for families who find themselves homeless. Council leader Mike Bayley said: "We have a housing crisis."

In Oxford, it is a tragedy that any suitable property remains unoccupied, and it is a crying shame that we are not using this house back into our streets."

The property remained in the council's name as the executors of their late owner's estate applied for probate.

Cllr Ramsey added: "Compulsory purchase is absolutely the last resort. We would much prefer to come to agreement with owners and ensure all criteria to keep empty properties back on use."

"If you're part of a family property you can help us to find housing and we'll include the Oxford Housing Centre - please speak to our Family Housing Property Officer or email info@oxfordhousingcentre.org about how we can help you."

Centenarian dies three weeks before reaching 106th birthday

ONE of Oxfordshire's oldest residents who lived through two world wars and countless other historic events has died just three weeks shy of his 106th birthday.

William David Robinson, who lived at Blenheim, was born on Christmas Day 1913 and was old enough to recall the bombings in the end of The Great War.

After serving in the Royal Air Force during the Second World War, Robinson joined the 13 Day Detachment, 100th Airborne Division, at the end of The Great War.

He joined the former unorthodox Defence Secretary Robert Carr in 1960 before becoming a member of the House of Commons.



Even at 106 years old, William David Robinson made the 106th mile in his new family in Cambridge each summer

It was born that he settled with his wife, Joan, in 1940, and they lived in the RAF where he worked as a wireless operator and a wireless operator. He was the first in his family to be born in Cambridge.

Green school in East Ham, London.

An active member of the National Union of Teachers and former deputy headmaster, Robinson was born in 1913. William lived in Blenheim for most of his life, where he kept his own entomological museum, which he had built up over the years.

During his lifetime, Robinson was involved in different projects, including the first commercial water supply, and was just four weeks old when the Titanic sank.

But as a former geography teacher who was fascinated by wildlife, Robinson, William always said that he was most impressed by nature's beauty on the coast.

William died peacefully in his sleep at home on December 14 and is survived by his son Nick and daughter-in-law Linda.



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There's more to it than that. The idea of getting your garden fence replaced is a daunting task. It's a lot of work, and it's a lot of money. But if you get it done now, you'll be able to enjoy your garden all year round. It's a lot of work, and it's a lot of money. But if you get it done now, you'll be able to enjoy your garden all year round.

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The Beat & Sade have over 30 years since the first hit but still play the No.1 classic hits. Other hits followed including Call Me, Goodbye Girl and

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Don't Look Down, Football and the much loved song 'as in the film Pretty Woman King of World Thumping'.

Nik Kershaw: His Rockabilly band achieved chart success in 1988 with 'Warrior', 'It's the Good', followed by other classics such as 'Don't Let the Sun Go Down on Me' and 'The Middle'. A prolific writer for other artists, Nik also produced the number one single 'The Love Train' by Culture Club.

Culture Club originally formed in 1981, the band's music has always been loved for their classic soul. It's just what it's for! The band, which helped define the musical sounds of the club scene during the 80s, is still played today. Over

twenty years later, with millions of album sales, original songs, and a writer's touch, Nik has signed new recording publishing deals and is back on the road promoting his music.

nevertheless.

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Head of April King Legal Paul King explains why some homeowners are doing too little, too late to protect their hard-earned assets.



Paul King, head of April King Legal

1. Core Asset Protection

A lot of people are well known that if they need care in later life, their assets will be taken away by the local authority to help pay for that care. That goes back to the Community Care Act 1990, which came into force in 1993.

If someone requires social care in later life, the local authority will look to use the assets of a person until they get down to a lower limit of £23,250 when the local authority will take over the rest.

Paul King says that two years ago, after experiencing this personally, "My own grandmother sadly passed away recently at the age of 90. My grandmother had had many years earlier and left everything to her."

When she needed care in the last six years of her life, because my grandfather had left everything to her, the local authority took over the assets of the local authority's means test.

Our clients tell us, "We've worked hard all our lives, why should the local authority get it all?"

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There are many ways to protect the assets of a person who needs care in later life. The local authority will look to use the assets of a person until they get down to a lower limit of £23,250 when the local authority will take over the rest of the assets of the local authority's means test.

Local authorities will only look to use assets if you've deliberately deprived yourself of assets by giving property away to family, and only if you've done so in the last six years.

Homeowners grasp that if the gift is made more than six years before the local authority takes over the assets of the local authority's means test.

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2. Headline Trust With

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Then if my children are named as my executor, it is by no means certain that they will inherit anything.

Once again, it is a common mistake to think that the assets of a person who needs care in later life will be taken away by the local authority to help pay for that care. That goes back to the Community Care Act 1990, which came into force in 1993.

The same is true for children. The headline of April King's clients has been made a standard "headline trust" with an asset before approaching the local authority to help pay for that care. That goes back to the Community Care Act 1990, which came into force in 1993.

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3. Lasting Power of Attorney

Paul King says that two years ago, after experiencing this personally, "My own grandmother sadly passed away recently at the age of 90. My grandmother had had many years earlier and left everything to her."

"Everyone should actually have two documents – a will that deals with their assets on death, and a lasting power of attorney that deals with their assets during their lifetime." "He says

The lasting power of attorney is a document that appoints a person to act on your behalf if you become unable to do so. It is a document that appoints a person to act on your behalf if you become unable to do so.

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People are often surprised to discover that even joint bank accounts can be frozen until the bank sees sight of a lasting power of attorney document.

Having a lasting power of attorney allows the local authority to help pay for that care. That goes back to the Community Care Act 1990, which came into force in 1993.

If someone becomes ill through accident or illness, this option is lost and the family would have to apply for a order from the Court of Protection to appoint a lasting power of attorney. It is a document that appoints a person to act on your behalf if you become unable to do so.

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Quiz Challenge

- Which two words begin the letter of William of Shrewsbury's name?
- Who, in 1962, was the last foreign player to reach the world's highest level of football?
- Recovering his in 1962, with which famous product would you associate him?
- The rose Garden from through which and what other country?
- Which British film and television stars would you find in the film, *Reverend*?
- Which actress played a nurse in 1942 and was the first to be knighted?
- Which actress began work in 1942 and was the first to be knighted?
- In the first series of John Burt Foster's *Reverend*, which two actresses played the roles of the two main characters?
- Which limited manager appeared in *Reverend* and *Reverend*?
- In which film, *Reverend* stars as a British nurse who is a doctor of anatomy?

NONAGRAM



Use every letter of the alphabet to form a nonagram. The letters in the grid above are the letters that you may use only once each. The letters in the grid above are the letters that you may use only once each.

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1.50am	The Andrew Marr Show
2.00am	The Big Questions
11.00am	News at Ten/5p National

BBC 2



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8.00am	Spy School
9.00am	Peppercorn
9.30am	It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World
9.50am	News (Monday)
10.00am	The Great Outdoors
11.00am	Top Gear

Channel 4



7:00am	King of Queens
7:30am	Everybody Loves Raymond
8:00am	Philly
9:00am	Survivor: Models

Channel 5



9:00am	General and State
9:20am	Digital Design
9:40am	Project Pj
9:40am	Scraps Placed Mugs Tuffin
10:00am	Fun Photo W/ Laugh-Out Loud Lk
10:40am	Counseling Day

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- 11:00am Up 20 Miles
- 11:00am Hopping Under the Hammer
- 11:00am Viewed Down Under
- 11:00am Close Call On Carson

BNC 2



7.00am	Antiques Road Trip
8.00am	Antiques Roadshow
9.00am	Movers & Shakers
10.00am	BBC Newsround (sat)

ITV



8.00hrs	Lecture
9.15hrs	The jewelry Eye Show
10.15hrs	The Hearing

Channel 4



7 Weeks	University of Utah Payroll Foster
8 Weeks	
10 Weeks	Aurora Center, Nightmare USA
11 Weeks	Son, Son and Selling Inc.

Channel 5



- 8.00am Putty Booth
- 8.00am Shampoo and Blow
- 8.00am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
- 9.00am Paddy
- 9.00am The Wiggles
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U's start new year with win after festive season misery

By George Weeks

MANAGER Tony Clark, pressed his players' attitudes after getting a cross-Mersey Christmas period behind them and opening the new year with a promising victory win.

Monday's 1-1 victory over MK Dons, followed a four-match winless run as the U's bounced back from a painful holiday season, which included a 4-1 defeat at Wigan Athletic - the club's heaviest ever league home defeat.

A 1-1 draw and a 3-0 defeat at Gillingham, and Bradford City respectively followed before Clark's men mustered the much needed win over MK, who were fresh from beating promotion hopefuls Peterborough United 1-0 at home this morn.

First half goals from Steve Thomas and Gabe van Kesteren and a second half strike from Joe Glavin earned Oxford, who had lost back to Luton twice out of their three last meetings, three points at home goals.

After skipper Alex Glynnedell the team's energy through the first half but the backline's structure side never looked like putting back to a once Glavin had his share of the praise in the hour mark.

Afterwards, a interview Clark said: "It was a very professional performance and the players showed a great attitude."

"There was a lot of joy in the stadium and that's what we want to see."

"We haven't produced a perfect season in some of the hardest games but when you see what we did today it's a big step forward and it was the pushing what happened behind us."

"We dominated the challenges and we're very organized defensively. One of the things we have been working very hard on in the last few days,

Oxford United 3

Wiss Thomas 15, Gabe van Kesteren 45+1, Joe Glavin 70
Record: 1-1-2

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especially after the Wigan game. "A lot of the mistakes we made in that game were not set today and obviously we attacked with more determination and found the space very well."

Top scorer Thomas, who netted the first time in six games, and Glavin both scored as United's new professional 4-3-3 shape started to bear fruit.

"Today I think the players showed that they are going everything for this club," Clark added.

United, who managed a fifth win this season, are six points off play-offs



and eight points clear of the relegation zone. They beat Gillingham 3-0 on Saturday before travelling to Charlton Athletic in the Checkmate Trophy final round on Thursday.



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